



Nelson Santos Botelho

October 19, 1943 - February 9, 2021

Nelson Santos Botelho 77, of Estero, FL died Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at Joanne's House at Hope Hospice after a brief battle with pancreatic cancer. He was born on October 19, 1943 in Nordeste, Sao Miguel, Azores, Portugal a son of the late Artur Botelho Pimentel and Nicolina (DeSousa) Botelho. He had been a resident of Estero for the past 11 years coming from Boca Raton, FL.

He earned his Associates's degree from Johnson & Wales University in Providence, RI in hotel management. Nelson worked as a hotel manager for a number of years and eventually became co-owner and manager of the Crystal Inn in North Ft. Lauderdale for nearly 20 years.

He loved spending time with his nieces and nephews, talking about their accomplishments & future plans and playing with their children. He was an avid tennis player, loved to play golf, go swimming and gardening. He also enjoyed playing pickleball.

He was a parishioner at Our Lady of Light Catholic Community and a member of the Portuguese Club in Ft. Myers, FL.

Nelson is survived by his loving wife, Cecilia M. Botelho of Estero, FL; one son, Alex S. Botelho of Miami, FL; and two sisters, Clotilde Cabral and

Conceicao Farias of Portugal.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Frederick S. Botelho who died in April of 2006 and his brother, Gabriel Botelho.

The family will receive friends on Friday, February 12, 2021 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home 28300 So. Tamiami Tr., Bonita Springs, FL.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, February 13, 2021 at 9:30 AM at Our Lady of Light Catholic Community 19680 Cypress View Dr., Ft. Myers, FL 33967.

Entombment will follow at 1:30 PM at Boca Raton Cemetery and Mausoleum 451 SW 4th Ave., Boca Raton, FL 33432.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations in memory of Nelson be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959.

To sign his guest register or to leave online condolences please visit www.ShikanyFuneralhome.com.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home Family Owned and Operated Since 1978.

Cemetery Details

Boca Raton Cemetery and Mausoleum

451 SW 4th Ave.
Boca Raton, FL 33432

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 12. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home
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Bonita Springs, FL 34134
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Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 13. 9:30 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Light Catholic Community
19680 Cypress View Dr.
Ft. Myers, FL 33967

Entombment

FEB 13. 1:30 PM (ET)

Boca Raton Cemetery and Mausoleum
451 SW 4th Ave.
Boca Raton, FL 33432

Tribute Wall



“ *Nelson Santos Botelho*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *We had a great time with Nelson in Portugal was looking for many more he will be in our harts for ever*



Mario Carvalho - February 12, 2021 at 08:14 PM



“ *My good friend, tennis buddy with perpetual smile on his face always something nice to say. What a beautiful human being. Be in the hands of graceful God's in peace. May God give the family the strength to bear the loss.*

Gopal Panday - February 12, 2021 at 07:32 PM



“ *Cecilia and Alex, please accept our deepest condolences! Nelson was such a sweet man. May he Rest In Peace. May he be reunited with dear Fred. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. Sending our love! We will be making a donation in his memory. Love: Sandy, Manny, & Raquel Sousa*

Sandra Sousa - February 12, 2021 at 07:19 PM

PK

“ We the members of the Men's Tennis group of Bella Terra would like to share our deepest sympathy for Nelson's family. You should know that we thought the world of this guy. He was one of the most reliable players in the group. Chills or clouds could not keep him away. If there was tennis on a scheduled day Nelson was there. You should also know that he was easily the most determined competitor on the courts. If Nelson is playing, he is playing to win. But the real surprise to most was that he always mixed that determination with a great sense of humor. He would get angry at himself but then make light of it just seconds later. So you see the face of determination at the beginning of every point but it was always followed by a smile. We wish the best for his family and especially the little ones who will not have the benefit of his warmth and wisdom. Take it from us, Grampa was a great man. From all of us at Men's Tennis: Bill, peter, Ron, John, Tall Bill, Rafa, Ravi, Paul, Tommy, Irwin, Dominic, Norm, Greg and the other Norm. Fred. Phil and Robert.



Peter Van Kampen - February 12, 2021 at 05:16 PM



“ 45 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home - February 11, 2021 at 09:40 PM



“ *Basket of Memories* was purchased for the family of Nelson Santos Botelho.



February 11, 2021 at 08:53 PM

J.

“ Nelson, you were a light of life that shone so bright. Your enthusiasm for a good conversation, whether it be golf, (your handicap certainly better than mine), real estate, or even politics was gleeful. Your aura was intensely majestic when you spoke, as a Parent and Father, lovingly of your sons, surely your greatest gifts, contributions to the world. Your eyes danced with splendor and your love for your bride, Cecilia was evident to all, including during holidays, as you would help her with bountiful holiday platters. Your zest for life was palpable. You had a 'young at heart' attitude, quite clear and apparent when you were among perhaps the most precious lives of all....the dear blessed children. Nelson, thank you, for being and living an example of happiness and of what really matters...Experiences within life and above all...LOVE within the gift of LIFE itself. May the Divine bless you and hold you in the palm of its' hands.

J.A.Mulvihill - February 11, 2021 at 04:55 PM

CL

“ *Padrinho, may you now enjoy the vision of God face to face forever.*

Dinha and Alex, we are so sorry and we keep you in our hearts and prayers always. Love, Connie, Robert, and Ian

Connie Livingston - February 11, 2021 at 02:25 PM

RR

Cecilia and Alex my husband and I are very sorry for the loss of your beloved husband and father. May he Rest In Peace with our God. Praying for you both, for strength and courage at such a sad time in your life's. God bless you.

Rosemary and Humberto Resendes - February 11, 2021 at 03:34 PM

TL

I'm so sorry for your loss my prayers are with you and your family. Tony

Tony Leandro - February 11, 2021 at 04:31 PM